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WE CLAIM:

1. A mixing system for mixing a plurality of constituents comprising:
a collar configured for coupling to at least two containers;
a head including a cartridge coupled to the collar;
the cartridge including a plenum, a mixing canal, and an outlet, that are connected to pass and mix the plurality of constituents upon release of the plurality of constituents from the at least two containers; and the mixing canal including a plurality of columns for facilitating the mixing.

- 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the head further includes a lever to activate the release of the plurality of constituents into the plenum and thereby mix the constituents in the cartridge to provide a thoroughly mixed product comprised of the plurality of constituents.
- 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the collar further includes a plurality of openings sized to hold the at least two containers.
- 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the cartridge further includes a plurality of input ports proceeding to the plenum, each input port passing a respective one of the plurality of constituents.
- 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the columns are cylindrical.
- 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the columns are fin-shaped.
- 7. The system of claim 1, further comprising a base configured for receiving the at least two containers and securing the containers within the base.
- 8. A cartridge for mixing constituents comprising:
 a plenum in fluid communication with a plurality of constituents;
 a mixing canal in fluid communication with the plenum and into which the
 constituents flow and are mixed;

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a plurality of columns disposed within the mixing canal to promote turbulent flow within the mixing canal; and an outlet through which the mixed constituents pass.

- 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the columns are cylindrical.
- 10. The system of claim 8, wherein the columns are oval.
- 11. A method of producing a mixing device for a plurality of constituents comprising the steps of:

molding a head piece, cartridge piece and a cover piece; the cartridge piece including a mixing chamber; the mixing chamber including a plurality of columns integrally formed on the cartridge piece; and

fitting the cover piece onto the cartridge piece and the cartridge piece into the head piece, wherein the cover piece seals an enclosed space of the mixing chamber.

- 12. A method of producing a mixing device of claim 11, wherein the step of molding the cover piece comprises a step of integrally molding, onto the cartridge piece, input ports configured for each receiving one of the plurality of constituents, a plenum coupled to the input ports at one end and to the mixing chamber at another end, and an outlet coupled to the mixing chamber.
- 13. A method of producing a mixing device of claim 11, wherein the step of molding further includes a step of integrally molding a lever with the cartridge piece.
- 14. A method of mixing a plurality of chemicals from pressurized containers comprising the steps of: actuating a plurality of actuators to release a plurality of constituents; separately passing each of the plurality of constituents into a cartridge;



passing the plurality of constituents around a plurality of columns, thoroughly mixing the constituents; and ejecting the thoroughly mixed constituents.

- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the columns are cylindrical.
- 16. The method of claim 14, wherein the columns are oval.
- 17. A mixing system comprising:

means for activating a plurality of actuators to release a plurality of constituents; means for separately passing each of the plurality of constituents into a mixing means;

means for mixing the plurality of constituents comprising a plurality of columns; and

means for ejecting the thoroughly mixed constituents.

- 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the columns are cylindrical.
- 19. The system of claim 17, wherein the columns number about 10 to about

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